

August 3, 2022

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street (ORC-1)
San Francisco, California 94105

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Submitted via U.S. EPA Online FOIA System

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, I request files that are received, kept or maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (“Region 9”) that relate to the following:

1. Any and all pollutant loading models used or relied upon by U.S. EPA in reaching its determination that unpermitted stormwater discharges from commercial, industrial, and institutional sites do not contribute to violations of water quality standards in Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Dominguez Channel watershed) and do not require permitting under the Clean Water Act;
2. Any and all assessment models based on pollutant loading levels associated with commercial, industrial, and institutional land uses that were relied upon by U.S. EPA in making a determination that unpermitted stormwater discharges from commercial, industrial, and institutional sites do not contribute to violations of water quality standards in Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Dominguez Channel watershed) and do not require permitting under the Clean Water Act;
3. Any and all data and datasets relied upon by U.S. EPA in estimating pollutant loading into Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Dominguez Channel watershed) related to its decision that stormwater discharges from commercial, industrial, and institutional sites do not require a permit under the Clean Water Act;
4. Any and all program studies used or relied upon by U.S. EPA in reaching its determination that stormwater discharges from commercial, industrial, and

institutional sites do not contribute to violations of water quality standards in Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Dominguez Channel watershed) and do not require permitting under the Clean Water Act; and

5. Any and all research studies considered or used by U.S. EPA in examining the likelihood of exposure of pollutions to precipitation at privately-owned commercial, industrial and institutional sites contributing to violations of water quality standards in the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Dominguez Channel watershed).

Any reference in this request to Region 9 includes, but is not limited to, consultants, employees, officers, and attorneys and any other person or entity contracted to business on its behalf.

If any documents are available in electronic format, or on the internet, we request electronic copies or citations to the internet web address where the document(s) can be located.

If no records are found, please (1) describe the search procedure, including information about the files that were searched, (2) identify the person or persons who conducted the search, and (3) explain why a more comprehensive search of your offices would be unreasonable.

If you require any information to facilitate this request, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Megan S. Meadows

